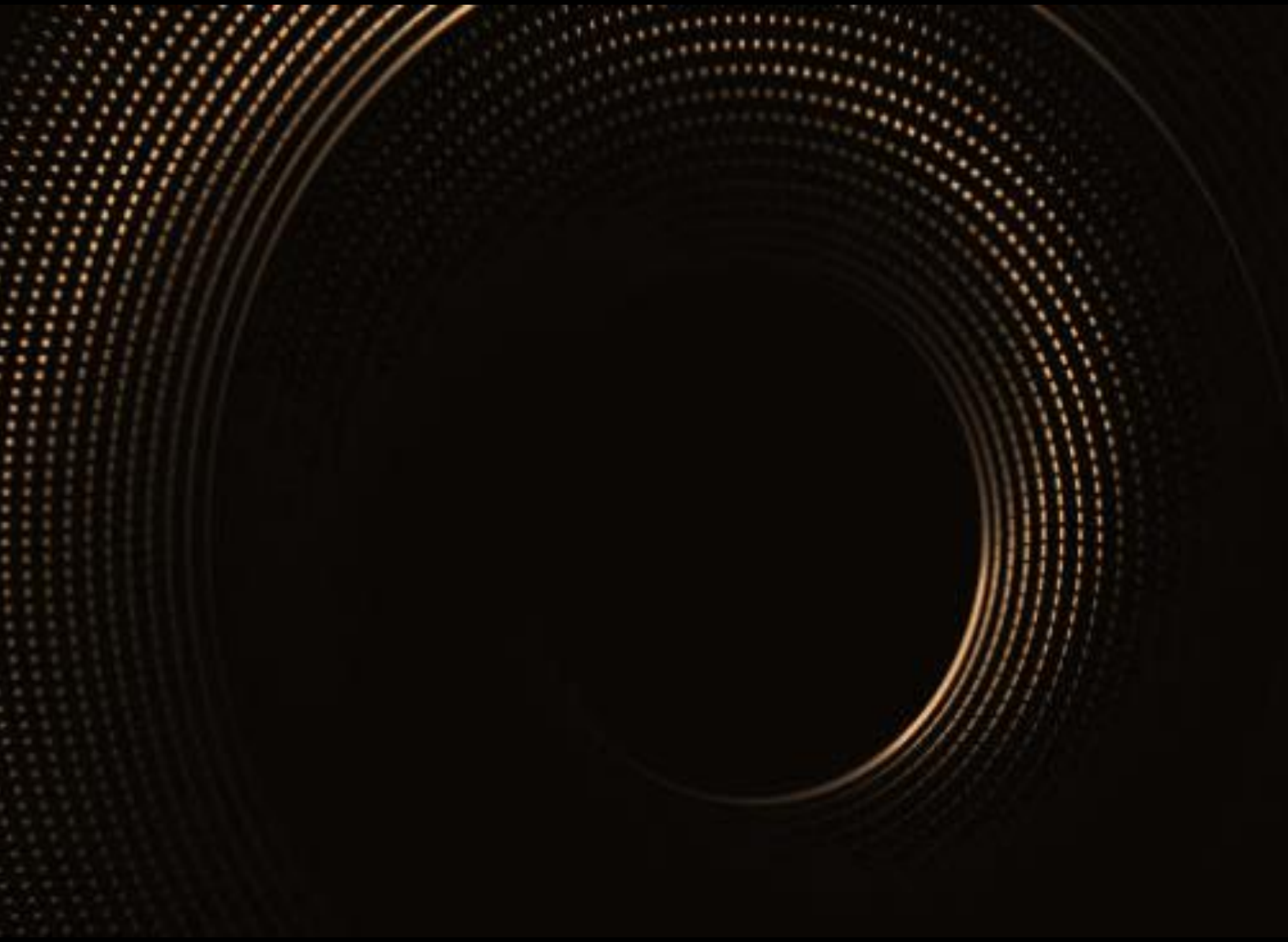


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1 Timothy 6:6, 7

**“Godliness with
Contentment”**



⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

This can be a wonderful anti-stress verse.

Sometimes Believers may need to be reminded to let all sorts of issues go— such as stresses, fears, frustrations, and pressures. Perhaps if we could bypass the, “get

more, more, and more”,
world-think mentality,
we could have a genuine
mental state of godliness
with contentment. We could
then see that such mindset
is, “great gain”.

There is an old adage, that
says, “You can’t take it with
you.” In reference to
physical death, Scripture
tells us that we didn’t bring

anything into this world and
we cannot take anything
from this world.

There is also a 1980's
secular song by Tracy
Chapman, entitled,
“Mountains O’ Things”.
A few of the lyrics are
as follows:

♪ “...a grave that’s deep
and wide enough for

*me and all my
mountains o' things".*

I used to enjoy that calypso-style song but after more carefully listening to the lyrics, I wondered if the writer meant what I would mean by those words.

To me, it would be total sarcasm to say one could secure earthly wealth for the next existence.

Well, even if all
possessions were
buried with one's body,
that's still not taking
them where souls go.

We really can't take
stuff with us.

At any rate, if we could
really find ourselves
living holy lives and
never caring about what
others do or don't do, we
would be happier and

more content.

If we never cared about what others had, or about what we, ourselves, don't have (beyond basic necessities), or where we can or cannot go, or what we used to do, etc, we might actually be able to experience godliness with contentment.